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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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LARRY J. COLLIER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WAL-MART STORES, INC., et. al.

Defendants

MARTIN C. ASHMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

) Case No. 08 C 227

) Honorable Martin C. Ashman

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AT LAW**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, LARRY J. COLLIER, by and through his attorneys, BRIDGET A. MITCHELL and THOMAS J. TYRRELL, and complaining against the Defendants, WAL-MART STORES, INC., WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST, states as follows:

**Count I – WAL-MART STORES, INC. – Negligence**

1. On November 16, 2005 and at all times relevant to the matters in this Complaint, Defendant, WAL-MART STORES, INC., owned and/or leased, operated, managed, maintained, and controlled and/or contracted to operate, manage, maintain, and control a WAL-MART store, store number 5276, located at 1555 North Rand Road in the City of Palatine, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

2. On November 16, 2005 Plaintiff, LARRY J. COLLIER, was lawfully on the premises of Defendant, WAL-MART STORES, INC.'s, WAL-MART store, store number 5276, as a business invitee and was legally and lawfully in and upon the premises located at 1555 North Rand Road, in the City of Palatine, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

3. On or prior to November 16, 2005 it was the duty of Defendant, WAL-MART STORES, INC., individually and by and through its agents, servants, and employees acting on it's behalf, to exercise reasonable care and caution in and about the

ownership, leasing, maintenance, operation, management, and control of said premises, and to keep, operate, and maintain the aforementioned premises in a reasonably safe condition for the use of patrons and others lawfully entering the premises of the building.

4. On and prior to November 16, 2005 the Defendant, WAL-MART STORES, INC., individually and by and through its agents, servants and employees acting its behalf, committed one or more of the following negligent acts and/or omissions:

- a. negligently operated, managed, maintained and controlled the men's dressing rooms, including the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- b. failed to adequately inspect the men's dressing rooms, including the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- c. failed to remove materials including a ladder, a metal rack, containers, bundles of plastic and debris from the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- d. failed to warn Plaintiff of the defective and/or dangerous condition existing in the men's dressing room for disabled customers, consisting of, but not limited to, a ladder, a metal rack, debris, containers and bundles of plastic when Defendant knew or should have known of the presence of the condition;
- e. failed to barricade the defective and/or dangerous conditions in the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- f. allowed the dangerous condition consisting of, but not limited to, a ladder, a metal rack, debris, containers and bundles of plastic, to remain in the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- g. failed to properly, completely and safely clean up the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- h. placed ladder, metal rack, container, debris and bundles of plastic in the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
- i. failed to provide Plaintiff with a safe place to try on clothing;
- j. was otherwise negligent.

5. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of Defendant, WAL-MART STORES, INC.'s, negligent acts or omissions, as aforesaid, the ladder in the men's dressing room for disabled customers fell onto the Plaintiff, Larry J. Collier, directly causing the Plaintiff to sustain personal injuries, of an economic and non-economic nature including but not limited to medical expenses, pain and suffering, and loss of normal life.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, LARRY J. COLLIER, prays for judgment against the Defendant, WAL-MART STORES, INC., for damages in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS and for such other relief as this court deems just.

**Count II – WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST – Negligence**

1. On November 16, 2005 and at all times relevant to the matters in this Complaint, Defendant, WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST, owned and/or leased, operated, managed, maintained, and controlled and/or contracted to operate, manage, maintain, and control a WAL-MART store, store number 5276, located at 1555 North Rand Road in the City of Palatine, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

2. On November 16, 2005 Plaintiff, LARRY J. COLLIER, was lawfully on the premises of Defendant, WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST's, WAL-MART store, store number 5276, as a business invitee and was legally and lawfully in and upon the premises located at 1555 North Rand Road, in the City of Palatine, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

3. On or prior to November 16, 2005 it was the duty of Defendant, WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST, individually and by and through its agents, servants, and employees acting on it's behalf, to exercise reasonable care and caution in and about the ownership, leasing, maintenance, operation, management, and control of said premises, and to keep, operate, and maintain the aforementioned premises in a reasonably safe condition for the use of patrons and others lawfully entering the premises of the building.

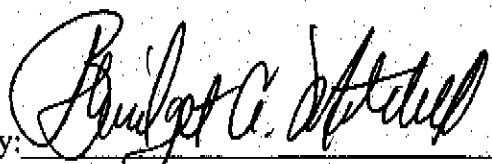
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- d. failed to warn Plaintiff of the defective and/or dangerous condition existing in the men's dressing room for disabled customers, consisting of, but not limited to, a ladder, a metal rack, debris, containers and bundles of plastic when Defendant knew or should have known of the presence of the condition;
- e. failed to barricade the defective and/or dangerous conditions in the men's dressing room for disabled customers;
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